IN THE CLAIMS

1-14 (Canceled).

15. (New)   A certificate comprising:

an electronic tag attached on or put in the certificate and storing a first information;

wherein a second information and a digital signature are printed on the surface of the certificate; and

the digital signature is generated from the first information and the second information.

16. (New)   The certificate according to claim 15;

wherein the digital signature is generated from a linkage or a hashed linkage of the first information and the second information using RSA.

17. (New)   The certificate according to claim 15;

wherein the digital signature is a sum or a hashed sum of the first information and the second information using RSA.

18. (New)   The certificate according to claim 15;

wherein the first information is represented by x1, the second information is represented by x2 and the digital signature is represented by y, secret keys are represented by d and n, and the digital signature is obtained by the equation

y = (x1 + x2) **d mod n, where the function "+" represents linking of x1 and x2 to each other.

19. (New)   An apparatus for issuing a certificate comprising:

a certificate paper-accommodating part which accommodates certificates comprising electric tags which stores first information;

a printing part which prints a second information and a digital signature on the surface of the certificates; and

wherein the digital signature is generated from the first information and the second information.

20. (New)   The apparatus according to claim 19;

wherein the digital signature is generated from a linkage or a hashed linkage of the first information and the second information using RSA.

21. (New) The apparatus according to claim 19;

wherein the digital signature is a sum or a hashed sum of the first information and the second information using RSA.

22. (New) The apparatus according to claim 19;

wherein the first information is represented by x1, the second information is represented by x2 and the digital signature is represented by y, secret keys are represented by d and n, and the digital signature is obtained by the equation

$y = (x1 + x2)$ **d mod n, where the function "+" represents linking of x1 and x2 to each other.